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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending. No claims are allowed.

The examiner indicates that the claims contain patentably distinct species. In that respect, the applicants elect to prosecute the species of claim 2 and 14 calling for both electrode being unitary, claim 12 calling for the electrode face sizes to decrease from those disposed in a middle position of the electrode assembly to an outer position thereof (also amended claim 5), and claims 8 and 16 calling for the electrodes having a different number of portions.

A substantive action on the merits of the claims is requested at an early date.

Respectfully Submitted,



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